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DX News

Rebel DX Group movement.

Some members of the Rebel DX Group have arrived in Cape Town, South Africa. After several Covid protocols we are in the good hands of our ZS friends and local supporters. Just to remind you, the whole of our expedition equipment from the first Bouvet "attack" was secured at the QTH of Andre ZS1AN. What a great guy he is!! We will check again all our expedition gear during the coming days.

We had a very busy day yesterday with Shawn ZS1SBW, working on important paperwork for upcoming projects. More info on that soon.

The Bouvet (3Y0I) trip is on track. Still some budget is missing but we are hoping to get some of the missing \$\$\$. Our last attempt cost us over \$250K private money (donations were just 7%) and sadly that went to the "vessel chimney" (for fuel). Let's hope, this time we will be more lucky.

Here is a **link** if you are willing to help.

3D2AG/P -update by Antoine 3D2AG

The confirmed boat schedule has moved up to the 15th January, meaning that I will need to start dismantling the station on the 12th or 13th; it takes up to a day to setup each band system (Spiderbeam, 160m, 6m) and almost the same to take down and pack on my own in the extreme heat (over 34 deg C). The 60m band was not yet setup but I will see what can do in next days, Conditions have been quite poor past two days, especially on 160m. With the very low noise environment my screen is full of NA and JA stations from 0500 UTC until 1200 or later on 160m, but it seems that I am not heard, even with 600W into the inverted-L. The only good DX past days was some western and eastern EU stations on 160m FT8 in my mornings, via LP between 1700 to 1830 UTC. https://www.dx-world.net/3d2ag-p-rotuma/

DX World Quiz 15

https://www.dx-world.net/dx-world-quiz-15/

JD1BMH OGASAWARA -update

It would appear someone has been pirating Harry's call on 60m FT8. Note that JA (including JD1) do not have permission to operate on 60m. If you do work JD1BMH on that band then it's fake.

No 6 meter allocation for Russia

Russian Government Radio Frequency Commission meeting took place on December 30. They didn't approve 6m band allocation for hams and this issue was postponed without dates. Don't expect any activities on the 6m band in 2021 (with the exception of Crimea on whose territory a temporary permit is valid).

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit https://www.dx-world.net/ for updates.

3D2, ROTUMA Antoine is now active as 3D2AG/P until around January 15. This trip is primarily for the purpose of finalising the tombstone memorial for our dear late son in Rotuma

5U, NIGER Adrian, F4IHM is once again active as 5UAIHM until February 11. Operation on 40 and 20 meter using CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

8Q, MALDIVES Massimo, IZ5KID is active as 8Q7MM. QRV mostly on digi. QSL via home call. https://www.dx-world.net/8q7mm-maldives/

CP, BOLIVIA Antonio, EA5RM will once again be active as CP1XRM from San Ignacio de Moxos between January 9 and January 26. Operation on HF using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

D2, ANGOLA Paulo, CT1FJZ is back in Menongue as D2FJZ. Operation during his spare time usually on 20 meter using SSB. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via home call.

HK, COLOMBIA Lothar, DK8LRF extends his stay due to Covid until end April. QRV as HK3JCL. QSL via home call.

JD1, OGASAWARA Harry, JG7PSJ is once again QRV as JD1BMH until January 9. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. http://jd1bmh.webcrow.jp/

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as call/JD1 during his spare time until mid-January. Activity on HF using CW. QSL via JA8CJY.

JX, JAN MAYEN Erik LA2US is active as JX2US during the northern hemisphere winter. He operates CW, FT8 and probably some more modes. Focus on 160m, 80m, 40m and 30m. The season lasts until the end of March.

TI, COSTA RICA Members of AB3G are operating from different Costa Rican provinces during a week of Summits on the Air. They are QRV until January 9. https://ab3g.weebly.com/#

TZ, MALI Ulmar, DK1CE is once again active from Bamako as TZ1CE. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

YI, IRAQ Giorgio IU5HWS is active until around January 20 as YI9WS. QRV on 40-20-10 meter, no CW. QSL via home call, direct.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISL Tev, TA1HZ will be active as ZD8HZ troughout 2021. He will use 100w to a windom wire antenna. Operation during his spare time. https://www.qrz.com/db/ZD8HZ

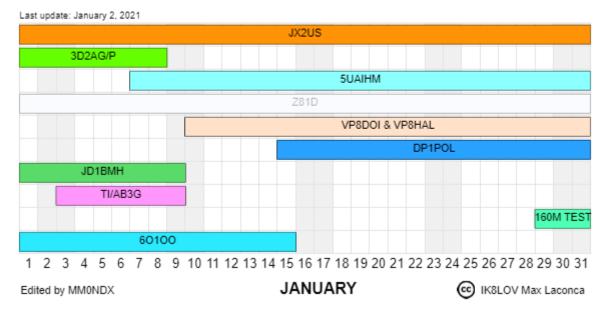
ZF, CAYMAN ISL Pete, K8PGJ will be active during the NAQP SSB Contest (January 16-17) as ZF2PG. QRV one week before the contest. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

Coming up

VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA Look for Randy, WW6RG as VQ9RA on January 18. Check 20 meter SSB. QSL via home call.

DXCC timeline





IOTA

This week on air

OCEANIA

OC-139 Kangaroo Isl Grant, VK5GR informs that he will be back between January 11 and January 22. This will be a 'holiday-style' operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. Possible some RTTY and PSK for fun. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will be active as P44W during the ARRL DX CW Contest (Febr 20-21). Operation before and after the contest as P40W. QSL via N2MM and LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

5H, TANZANIA Sergey, UT9UU will be operating as 5H3UU from Dar Es Salaam during early August. QSL via home call, LoTW.

5H, TANZANIA Roman, RA/3W3RR (ex-9Q9RR) has announced plans to be active from Zanzibar island, AF-032. Currently no set dates as to when 5H1RR activity may happen due to COVID-19. More info to follow in due course..

5T, MAURITANIA Tom, DL7BO has plans to be active as 5T7OO soon and staying there for a long period. More info to follow. QSL via DJ6TF.

8Q, MALDIVES Nobby, G0VJG will be active as 8Q7CQ (pending) from the Reethi Faru resort between March 6 and March 22. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via M0OXO.

A3, TONGA Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC somewhere in 2021. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

CEOY, EASTER ISLAND The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active somewhere during 2021 as XR0YSP. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

CYO, SABLE ISL Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The CYOC Sable Island DXpedition team will be active somewhere October 2021. http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM during October-November. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed until August 8-16. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. http://www.to5t.com/

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 29 and July 13. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW. http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan. **HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A DXfriends DXpedition will take place to San Cristobal. QSL via EA5RM. More to follow.

J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will be operating as J88PI between July 23 and August 1. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. https://www.g4dvb.co.uk/dxpedition-2017

KH4, MIDWAY ISL Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway during September 2021 for about 2 weeks (if the COVID 19 is under control). Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.

KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. This means that we have to postpone our DXpedition until Spring 2021 at the earliest. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again as soon as we are allowed to travel to American Samoa without restrictions (such as 14 days in quarantine).

OJO, MARKET REEF Joseph, AD7D will be operating as OJ0D during the summer 2021. Dates not yet confirmed. More to follow.

PJ5, SINT EUSTATIUS John, W5JON will be active as PJ5/call between June 22-28. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL direct or LoTW.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be active as PJ7AA from February 27 until March 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

PZ, SURINAME Markus, DJ4EL informs: Due to the rising Covid-19 cases in Europe tourists who would like to visit Suriname must bring a negative Covid-19 test and are required to be quarantined for 10 days after arrival. The second problem is that on the way back to Germany I would have to travel via Amsterdam airport which could make another Covid-19 test and another quarantine at home necessary. New dates: PZ5GE, Easter 2021. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW. TT, CHAD The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) somewhere during 2021 from Ndjamena. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only). http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from Calypso Bay between June 12 and July 10. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce our next DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island VK9W in 2021. 8 Operators from those two teams will comprise the 2021 Willis Island DXpedition team. Boat arrangements have already been made. We are currently working with the Australian government for the necessary permits. (WA4DAN). More to follow.

VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA Dates are not confirmed, nor length of activity, but Bob DU7ET could again be active from Diego Garcia as VQ9ET later this year. Update to follow... **XT, BURKINA FASO** Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX somewhere during 2021. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO **Z6, KOSOVO** A Belgian team will be active somewhere in 2021 from Kosovo. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, OQRS.

Announced IOTA

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-045 Gore Isl A team with 6W1KI, 6W1PZ, 6W1QL, 6W7JX and others will be operating as 6V1A when the situation is possible. Activity on various bands with 2 stations using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

AF-115 Mukawwar Isl As news of Covid vaccines emerge – with hopefully an improving picture across the world by the middle of next year – plans for this particular island activity will restart after March 2021. Future updates will be posted here.

ASIA

AS-152 Bol'shoy Begichev The Arctic Legends team (RT9K) recently received their RI0Q license with a view to being active from Bol'shoy Begichev AS-152 starting March 4.

EUROPE

EU-111 Monach Isles A team with G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the IOTA 2021 contest period from Ceann Ear. Outside the contest they will be active as GM3RCV.

EU-123 Bass Rock Team MS0INT (EI6FR, MM0NDX, MM0OKG and cameraman) has today been granted permission to land on the Bass Rock (EU-123) and to undertake an IOTA DXpedition there. Tentative date: April 17-18. The Bass Rock has only ever been activated three times (1997, 2001, 2008) according to research. The team is indebted to Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Sir Hew Dalrymple for allowing them to land on his island.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-039 Adak Isl Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Adak Island during June. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO. NA-070 Kiska Isl Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Kiska Island during June. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

NA-041 Shelter Isl Phil, KC3CIB will be operating as call/KL7 during his spare time starting June. When time permits, he will be active on HF using mainly digital modes. QSL via home call, direct.

OCEANIA

OC-037 New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands (Campbell Island) The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Campbell Island. Club Log #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 time-frame.

The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and, propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lockdown has caused significant delays and uncertainty.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-092 Papegaaien Isl Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that he has new dates for his IOTA DXpedition to Papegaaien Island as PZ5G. He hopes to be QRV from this rare IOTA during April 2-5. Activity on 80-10m using CW and SSB.

- -PZ5G grid GJ15kv (10-80 meter CW and SSB)
- -PZ5GE grid GJ25kr (10-40 meter using SSB only) More on QRZ.com

Antarctica base stations

Belgrano II Base Ramon, LU3HRS reports he is now active from Belgrano II Base, Coats Land, Antarctica during the 2020-2021 scientific research season. His exact locator is HB22qd. QRV mainly on 20m FT8-FT4-JT65 when time permits. QSL via LoTW or bureau via LU4AA.

Halley VI Base Seba SQ1SGB will sail to Halley VI Base in December and hopes to be active for 5 weeks starting beginning of January 2021. Callsign might be SQ1SGB/VP8 (if VP8HAL is not be allowed due to the new strange rules of the Falklands authorities). It's also possible he may use alternative call such as SQ1SGB/A or maybe /ANT or /P. QSL via EB7DX.

King Se-Jong Base As part of the next scientific team, look for Lee, DS4NMJ to again be active from the King Se-Jong Korean Antarctic Base on King George Island, South Shetlands as DT8A in 2021. QRV on FT8, CW & SSB, 100w. QSL via DS5TOS. Dates to be confirmed.

Mirny Sation Alexander, RX3ABI is QRV as RI1ANM from Mirny Base, IOTA AN-016, until early 2021 while on work assignment. Activity during his spare time on 40 and 20 meters using FT8. QSL via home call.

Neumayer Station III Organizing an Antarctic expedition in the times of COVID19 is quite a challenge, so the German polar institute (AWI) had to find a different approach to the logistics for the upcoming Antarctic summer season. All transports will be carried out by ship directly from Germany. There is only a small team of about 20 technicians and scientists travelling to Neumayer Station, Antarctica, this year. YL Theresa (DC1TH) and Felix (DL5XL) will be part of that group.

During the voyage, from December 20 for about one month, Felix will operate as DP0POL/MM from the research ice breaker "Polarstern", mainly in CW and digital modes. From mid-January to mid-March 2021, DL5XL expects to be active from the research station "Neumayer III" signing DP1POL.

The ham station in Antarctica is equipped for HF and QO-100 satellite. Club call DP0GVN may also be used at times by other operators.

QSL manager for DP0POL/mm and DP0GVN is DL5EBE, QSL cards for DP1POL will be handled by DL1ZBO (direct, bureau or LotW for all call signs).

Vostok Station Alexey, RX6A is active until May 30 as RI0IANT Operation from 40 to 15 meter using CW and FT8. Operation until end May 2021. QSL via home call. **Syowa Station** The Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition's overwintering team at the Syowa Station on East Ongul Island (AN-015), Antarctica includes Taka, JA1AGS

and Hiro, JH7JCX. In their spare time they are QRV from the 8J1RL club station, with activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres mainly FT8. They will be there until January 2021. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

- **CN, MOROCCO** A team from the Association Royale des Radio-Amateurs du Maroc (ARRAM) will be active as **CN1M** <u>until January 10</u> while travelling through Moroccan Sahara. QSL direct to RW6HS. (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** Uwe, DO2PZ will be active as **DB100AVUS** throughout 2021 to celebrate The 100th anniversary of the AVUS (Automobil-Verkehrs- und Uebungsstrasse, "Automobile traffic and training road"). Located in the south-west of Berlin and opened in 1921, it is the oldest controlled-access motorway in Europe. Until 1998, it was also used as a motor racing circuit. QSL via DO2PZ, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** Special callsign **DR50AGCW** will be active throughout 2021 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft CW DL (Activity Group CW DL. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)
- **F, FRANCE TM18AAW** is the special call <u>between February 14 and February 28</u> to celebrate the 18th Antarctic Activity Week. Operation by François F8DVD from his QTH in Maçon. The new reference for WAP program is 310. QRV from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. http://www.qrz.com/db/TM18AAW
- **G, ENGLAND** Members of the Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society are currently active until January 24 with the following callsigns on SSB, CW and digital modes: **GB0HNY**, **GB1HNY**, **GB2HNY**, **GB4HNY**, **GB5HNY**, **GB6HNY**, **GB8HNY** and **GB9HNY**. QSL via eQSL. (TNX DXNL)
- **G, ENGLAND** The special event stations **GB2KW** and **GB8KW** are active <u>during January</u> to commemorate the founding of KW Electronics in the 1950s. QSL for GB2KW via LoTW, GB8KW via GOUKN (direct or bureau). (TNX DXNL)
- **JA, JAPAN** Look for special calls **/60** to mark the Okinawa Amateur Radio 60th Anniversary Festival Activities <u>during 2021</u>. All stations QRV in Okinawa Prefecture may use the suffix. https://www.jarl.com/okinawa/
- LY, LITHUANIA LY13LY celebrates Lithuania's freedom and independence <u>during</u> <u>January</u>. QSL via LY8O, eQSL, Club Log. (TNX DXNL)
- **LZ, BULGARIA** Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special callsigns throughout 2021 to honour as many different Orthodox saints. Look for **LZ21RH** to be active <u>during January</u>. QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2021" award are expected to be published on http://www.lz1kcp.com/ (TNX 425DX)
- **OE, AUSTRIA OE100BL** is the special callsign issued to the Burgenlaendischer Amateur Radio Club for celebrating throughout 2021 the 100th anniversary since Burgenland became an Austrian state. QSL via OE4JHW. Individual operators may also apply for OE100 to replace their prefix (e.g. OE4EIE will be signing OE100EIE). An award will be available, (TNX 425DX)
- **PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Hans, PA7HPH will be using Covid-19 special callsign **PC19HOPE** from January 15 to March 10. See qrz.com for more information about this activity. QSL via PA7HPH (bureau preferred) and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)
- **SP, POLAND** SP1DPA, SP1EG, SP1MGM, SQ1PSA and SQ3PMX are active as **SQ0MORSE** <u>until end April</u> to commemorate the 230th anniversary of the birth of Samuel F.B. Morse (1791-1872). QSL via SP1EG. (TNX 425DX)
- **UR, UKRAINE** Nikolay UX0FF celebrates his 50th year on the air with the callsign **EO50FF** during 2021. QSL via UX0FF direct or bureau, LoTW, eQSL.

THE REMINDERS

- **CT, PORTUGAL** Valdemar, CT7AQD will be active as **CQ750RSI** throughout 2021 to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth of Aragon (1271-1336), queen consort of Portugal and patron saint of the city of Coimbra. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** DARC's local branch D13 (Maerkisches Viertel) will operate special call **DL73TXL** until end June 2021 to say goodbye to Berlin-Tegel Airport (IATA code TXL), the main international airport of Berlin, which is expected to close permanently in early November. Along with Gatow and Tempelhof, it played a pivotal role during the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), organized by the Western Allies to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin. (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** Look for **DR165TESLA** by members of DARC OV Mainz <u>during 2021</u>. This to celebrate the 165th birthday of Nikola Tesla. QRV on all bans using all modes. QSL via DK8ZZ, Club Log OQRS, LoTW. Your card is not needed.
- **DL, GERMANY** The special event station **DA2025C** (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV <u>until the end of January 2021</u>. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)
- **I, ITALY** Look for IB2ANT <u>during February 2021</u> to mark the Antarctic Activity Week with a new WAP award reference WAP-308 on the air. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IK2QPR.
- **I, ITALY II1DCC** ("Drake & Collins Collectors") is the special callsign for a "vintage activity" to be conducted <u>until 31 December 2021</u>. Marco, IK1RAE and other operators will use exclu- sively Drake and Collins pieces of equipment, and will be QRV on the HF bands (30, 17 and 12 metres excluded) SSB, CW and maybe AM. QSL via the bureau to IK1RAE. (TNX 425DX)
- **OH, FINLAND** Look for **OH100SRAL** <u>during 2021</u>, this to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Finnish Amateur Radio Leaugue (SRAL). QSL via LoTW or bureau (early 2022).
- **ON, BELGIUM** Belgian amateurs activate the following special event callsigns to remind everyone of Covid-19 restrictions and express gratefulness to medical personnel:
- OS2HOPE, OT5ALIVE, OT4CARE, OR20STAYHOME, OT6SAFE, OP19MSF, OQ5BECLEVER, OR6LIFE, OO4UZLEUVEN, and OT2CARE. For QSL information see grz.com. Operation until January 31.
- **S5, SLOVENIA S520SAFE** is a special callsign for members of Radioklub Elektron Brezice (S59ACP) to promote the "Be Safe Stay Safe" campaign in order to stop the spread of Covid-19. Look for activity <u>until end January 2021</u>. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct only to S56IPS. (TNX 425DX)
- **SP, POLAND** The team of SP2PBM will be active as **HF2021HNY** between December 19 and January 10, wishing all radio amateurs, their families and friends a happy new year. QSL via SP2PBM (d/B), Club Log OQRS, LoTW.
- **SV, GREECE** 200 Years of Greek Independence Award On air <u>during 2021</u>. The Greek War of Independence, also known as the Greek Revolution (Greek: Ελληνική Επανάσταση, Elliniki Epanastasi; referred to by Greeks in the 19th century as simply the Αγώνας, Agonas, "Struggle", was a successful war of independence waged by Greek revolutionaries against the Ottoman Empire between 1821 and 1830. Any Greek station, foreigners Greeks or friends of Greece all over the world may join "200 Years of Greek Independence Award". All mode and types of QSO are valid. Award manager is SV2RCK. https://sv2rck.gr/200YEARS/
- **SV, GREECE** Nine multi-operator special event stations namely SX1A, SX2A, SX3A, SX4A, SX5A (Dodecanese), SX6A, SX7A, SX8A and SX9A (Crete) will be active during the countdown to the 200th anniversary of the "Agonas" (the Struggle), the Greek Revolution of 1821 which led to the formation of modern Greece. The countdown will start at -99 days to the actual celebration day (25 March 2021), and a serial number will be appended to each special callsign as follows:
- 26 December-05 January from SX8A/89 to SX8A/80
- 05-14 January from SX7A/79 to SX7A/70
- 15-24 January from SX6A/69 to SX6A/60

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25 January-03 February from SX5A/59 to SX5A/50
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- 04-13 February from SX4A/49 to SX4A/40
- 14-23 February from SX3A/39 to SX3A/30
- 24 February-05 March from SX2A/29 to SX2A/20
- 06-15 March from SX1A/19 to SX1A/10
- 16 March SX9A/9
- 17 March SX8A/8
- 18 March SX7A/7
- 19 March SX6A/6
- 20 March SX5A/5
- 21 March SX4A/4
- 22 March SX3A/3
- 23 March SX2A/2
- 24 March SX1A/1

The serial numbers will be dropped only on 25 March. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or direct to SV2GWY. An award will be available, see qrz.com's entry for any of the special callsigns. (TNX 425DX)

TI, COSTA RICA On September 15, 2021, the Bicentennial of the Independence of Costa Rica will be celebrated with great fanfare. In commemoration of such an important and historical event, a team of radio amateurs will be activating the special call sign **TI2ØØI** to celebrate 200 years of independent life of Costa Rica.

The goal is to make Costa Rican independence known to the world with pride on its Bicentennial. Activation until October 29.

Bands - 6 to 80m (+ 2m).

Modes - SSB, CW and FT8 (+ FM).

Contacts will be confirmed via LotW, QRZ & QSL manager.

The team of operators will be announced soon.

UR, UKRAINE A Special event station **EN50WZA** will be active during period of <u>January 1-31</u>, 2021 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the UT7WZA club station (ex UK5WBG (1971-1984), UB4WZA (1984-1994)). Activity will on CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via UT7WZA either bureau, direct and LOTW.

UR, UKRAINE Look for **EN100LT** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Kharkiv Theater for Children and Youth. Operation <u>until end March</u>. QSL via UT5LU.